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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

July 17, 2006

Office of the Chief Counsel

Mr. Harry R. Steinmetz (3HS62)
US Environmental Protection Agency, Region III
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

Dear Mr. Steinmetz:

This letter responds to the Information Request (IR) contained in your letter dated 18 April 2006 to the U.S. Army Legal Services Agency regarding the Safety Light Corporation Site (Site), Bloomsburg (Columbia County), Pennsylvania.

Based on our research and inquiries, the US Army understands the Site is an active manufacturing facility occupying approximately 2 acres of a 10 acre property adjacent to the Susquehanna River. Further, it is understood the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is looking for information regarding past disposal practices of various radioactive isotopes at the Site which allegedly resulted in radiological contamination of on-site soils and groundwater. Based on this background information, the U.S. Army Research, Development and Engineering Command (RDECOM) conducted an investigation of post records to search for information in response to the IR.

The RDECOM Historical Records Management Office and Acquisition Center, conducted searches to determine if they possessed records or information responsive to the IR. In addition to searching under the Site's name, terms outlined in your letter to include "U.S. Radium", "Lime Ridge Industries", "USR Industries", "US Metals", "Metreal" and "Isolite" were used.

The Acquisition Center conducted thorough computer database searches and hard copy searches regarding any records of contracts or contacts with the Site. The search was conducted in the Army Contracting Business Intelligence System (ACBIS) of all open contracts. The contract file records reviewed were for all of the RDECOM Acquisition Center Contracting Offices; Aberdeen, Edgewood, Natick, Adelphi, Research Triangle Park, Pine Bluff Arsenal, and Rocky Mountain Arsenal. The open contract files reviewed went back to the year 1995. The Acquisition Center was unable to locate any information concerning efforts related to the Safety Light Corporation. Our contract records are maintained in accordance with the contract file retention requirements found at Federal Acquisition Regulation, Part 4.7 Contractor Records Retention and the Army Record Information System, Part 715.

The Historical Records Management Office conducted searches of their hardcopy files and electronic databases and found one record disclosing any transactions identified in the IR or with

respect to the Safety Light Corporation. This record is enclosed. Historical records retention are maintained in accordance with the Army Record Information System, file number 870.

Research and development records are also housed in St. Louis, MO at the Personnel Record Center and at the Federal Record Center in Suitland, MD. We will search those records and should anything come up that is responsive, supplement the request. We have forwarded copies of this letter to Ms. Carrie Greco, Department of the Army Environmental Law Division and Mr. John German, Associate Counsel, Environmental Law, Office of the Command Counsel, Headquarters, U.S. Army Materiel Command.

Please contact me at (410) 436-3673 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Attorney Advisor

Enclosure

**ALPHABETIC LISTING OF
MAJOR WAR SUPPLY CONTRACTS**

Cumulative

June 1940 through September 1945

Volume 4 Rey-Z

CIVILIAN PRODUCTION ADMINISTRATION
Industrial Statistics Division

INTRODUCTORY NOTE

COVERAGE

This report covers contracts with a value of \$50,000 and over awarded by the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, Treasury Procurement Division (lend-lease awards only) and purchasing missions of foreign governments and reported to the War Production Board June 1940 through September 1945. Because of the lag in reporting, this listing does not include a substantial number of the contracts awarded June through September 1945. Undercoverage of awards for prior periods is believed not to be significant.

The amounts shown are the latest revised values including supplements and other changes. However, a contract supplement with a value of \$10 million or over is treated as a separate award.

Contracts for construction and production facilities, awards for foodstuffs and food processing and contracts for utilities such as water, heat, steam, power and electricity are excluded.

COMPLETION DATE

In some cases contracts are reported to the War Production Board without a scheduled completion date. In these cases an estimate is made of the completion and is identified by an asterisk.

ESTABLISHMENT

An establishment covers facilities of an individual company located in one municipality. Two or more facilities operated by a company in the same municipality are considered one establishment. Different divisions of a corporation, however, are considered separate establishments even when located in the same municipality. Thus the three facilities of International Harvester at Chicago are listed as one establishment, while the several divisions of General Motors at Detroit are listed as separate establishments.

ARRANGEMENT

Establishments are arranged alphabetically. Contracts for each establishment are listed by agency and chronologically by award completion date with the total value of contracts following the last contract listed.

CONTRACT LOCATION

An effort has been made to determine the point of final manufacture or assembly and to allocate the individual contracts to a specific establishment on this basis rather than on the basis of the headquarters of the contracting company. Also, so far as possible, the name and location of the manufacturing concern is used if the contract was secured through a contracting agent; in such cases the contract carries the standard footnote "C." Subcontracts, except in this sense, are not included. Cases in which the manufacturer or the work location has not been identified have been footnoted, with the contract assigned to the company's address.

CONTRACT NUMBERS

Contract numbers, which appear in the listing following the product description, consist of a number identifying the procurement station, and alphabetic abbreviation of the procurement service or bureau, and a contract serial number. Where procurement is centralized, as is largely the case of the Navy, Maritime Commission and Treasury Procurement Division a station number is not used. Contract numbers are not shown for awards made by foreign purchasing missions.

ARMY PURCHASE ORDERS

Purchase orders, sometimes used by the Army in lieu of formal contracts, are identified by the letters "PO" appearing in the space

carrying the alphabetic designation of the Army procurement service; the service is identified by code number prefix to the letters "PO"

NAVY COGNIZANT BUREAUS

The third letter in the alphabetic designation for the Navy Bureau of Supplies and Accounts, which contracts to a considerable extent for other Navy Bureaus, identifies the cognizant bureau, i.e., the bureau for which the contract items were procured.

SERVICE AND BUREAU SYMBOLS

The various procurement services and bureaus of the Army, Navy, Maritime Commission, and Treasury together with their identifying codes are as follows:

Symbol used for:		Symbol used for:	
Purchase Order Numbers	Contract Numbers	Contracting Bureau	Contract Number
Army Service		Navy Bureau	
Air Forces	1 AC	Aeronautics	OA XSA
Transportation Corps	2 TC	Supplies & Accounts	- XSX
Chemical Warfare	3 CWS	Yards & Docks	OY XSY
Corps of Engineers	4 ENG	Ship	OBS -
Medical Corps	5 MD	Radio Division	- XSR
Ordnance	6 ORD	Other	- XSS
Quartermaster	8 QMC	Naval Personnel	OP -
Signal Corps	9 SC	Medicine & Surgery	- XSP
Specialized Training	0 ASA	Ordnance	ORU XSP
Training Services	0 SS	Marine Corps	OM -
	0 TMO	Coast Guard	TCG -
		Judge Advocate General	OD -
		Secretary's Office	- XSD
Maritime Commission		Contracting Bureau in Supplies & Accounts	
Emergency Shipping Program	ESP	When XS contract serial numbers reach 99,999, a new series will be started in which the X will be replaced by the digit 5 for all new awards during the balance of the fiscal year 1945. Each new fiscal year will have its own series of numbers for new awards in which the X will be replaced by a digit indicative of the fiscal year of award.	
War Shipping Administration	WSA		
Maritime Commission	MCC		
Treasury Department		Treasury Procurement Schedule	
			TPS

DUAL, LEND LEASE, AND SUPPLEMENTARY CONTRACTS

The symbol entered immediately after the contract serial number identifies contracts involving the following features:

	Symbol
Dual Contract	D
Supplement of \$10 Million or More to Dual Contracts	X
Lend Lease (Defense Aid)	L
Supplement of \$10 Million or More to Lend Lease Contract	M
Supplement of \$10 Million or More to Other Than Dual or Lend Lease Contract	S

A dual contract is one that carries two contract numbers, one of which is generally a lend-lease award; only one contract number, however, appears in the listing. It may be assumed in most cases that a portion of each dual contract is for lend-lease purposes; contracts identified by the symbol "L" or "M" are entirely for lend-lease purposes.

AGENCY SYMBOLS

When reported to the Statistics Division, contract numbers of the Army, Navy and the Emergency Shipping Program of the Maritime Commission carry the alphabetic designation "A," "N," and "MCC," respectively, as the initial code in the contract number. These identifications are not included. Contracts awarded by the Army, the Navy, the Maritime Commission, the Treasury, and foreign purchasing missions are distinguished respectively by the letters, "A," "N," "M," "T," or "F" appearing in the "agency" column.

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WAR SUPPLY CONTRACTS

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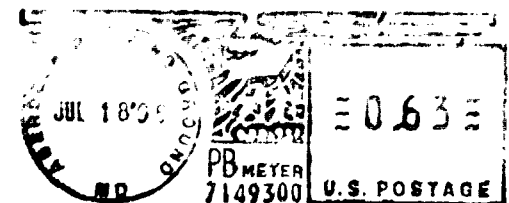
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